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Flags at Half-Mast Friday for Captain Paul Peña

Flags in San Marcos will be lowered to half-staff Friday, January 29, in memory of Captain Paul Peña, under a directive of Governor Rick Perry.

San Marcos Mayor Susan Narvaiz has ordered the San Marcos city flag to be flown at half-mast all week in memory of Captain Paul Peña, a U.S. Army officer from San Marcos killed by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan.

The Governor's office issued the declaration for San Marcos and Hays County to remember the 27-year old San Marcos native who was killed in combat on January 19.

"On behalf of Governor Perry and this office, let me express our sincere condolences on the loss of this fine Texan. Your community should be proud that it produced a brave and honorable man such as Captain Paul W. Peña," the declaration said.

"As per your request, all state and national flags in the City of San Marcos and the County of Hays may be lowered to half-staff in honor of the life and military service of United States Army Captain Paul W. Peña of San Marcos who was killed in the line of duty while supporting combat operations in Arghandab River Valley, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Flags may be lowered on the day of interment once that date is set by the family. Flags should return to full-staff at the beginning of the next day."

"Captain Peña is a true American hero who has made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation," Mayor Narvaiz said. "I urge our community to come together to demonstrate our concern, our support and our gratitude to Captain Peña and to keep his family in our prayers."

She encourages all San Marcos residents to display the American flag, large or small, in memory of Peña, a graduate of the San Marcos Academy in 2000 and the West Point Military Academy in 2004.

Family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday, January 28, 2010 at the San Marcos Baptist Academy with a memorial service at 7:00 P.M, with the Reverend Dr. Mark Miller officiating.

Family will receive friends 10:00 A.M., Friday, January 29, 2010 at St. John's the Evangelist, 128 S. Audubon Dr., San Antonio, TX with a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at 11:00 A.M., with Father Stuart Juleen officiating. Interment to follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas.

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